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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT NYERERE'S CURRENT VIEWS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. SUMMARY. PRESIDENT NYERERE (A) GIVES MACHEL'S EXPLANATION
FOR TAKING RHODESIAN INCURSIONS TO SECURITY COUNCIL, (B) PRAISES
PROMPT US REJECTION SMITH'S INVITATION VIST BORDER AREAS, AND
(C) INDICATES WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT WESTERN FIVE'S EFFORTS WITH
SWAPO. END SUMMARY.

2. IN HALF-HOUR'S PRIVATE CHAT WITH NYERERE JUNE 22, PRESIDENT
SAID HE WAS GOING TO HIS HOME VILLAGE IN NORTH JUNE 23 FOR WHAT
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HE HOPED WOULD BE TEN DAYS. HE WANTED TO RUN OVER A FEW THINGS
ABOUT SOUTHERN AFRICA BEFORE HE LEFT. HE ADDED, GRINNING, THAT
HE WAS TIRED AND WANTED TO GET IN GOOD SHAPE FOR HIS TRIP TO US.

3. NYERERE SAID MACHEL HAD SPECIFICALLY ASKED NYERERE TO
EXPLAIN TO US AND UK WHY MACHEL HAD TAKEN RHODESIAN INCURSIONS
TO UN. MACHEL HAD DELAYED BECAUSE TAKING RHODESIA BEFORE UN

WAS TECHNICALLY TAKING UK BEFORE BAR OF WORLD OPINION AND HE DIDN'T WANT TO DO THIS. BUT MOZAMBIQUE WAS BEING HURT BADLY BY INCURSIONS AND MACHEL HAD TO DO SOMETHING TO STOP THEM. BESIDES, WHAT MOZAMBIQUE AND OTHER FRONT LINE STATES WERE DOING WAS REALLY PART OF IMPLEMENTATION OF UN DECISIONS ON RHODESIA AND IF THEY WERE GETTING HURT AS A RESULT, UN SHOULD KNOW. MACHEL WAS GOING TO EXPLAIN THIS TO AMBASSADOR DEPREE BUT HE ALSO WANTED NYERERE TO PASS WORD TO US AND UK.

4. NYERERE ADDED THAT MOZAMBIQUE WAS IN FACT BEING HURT BADLY BY RHODESIAN RAIDS WHICH INCLUDED USE OF NAPALM. HOWEVER, MOZAMBIQUE WAS ALSO HURTING RHODESIANS. IT WAS SURE IT HAD SHOT DOWN FIVE PLANES, THOUGH ONLY TWO HAD ACTUALLY CRASHED IN MOZAMBIQUE. NYERERE AND MACHEL WERE ADDITIONALLY CONCERNED BECAUSE MOZAMBIQUE REPORTED REPEATED SIGHTINGS OF MIRAGES IN ACTION (NOT THE PLANES SHOT DOWN) AND THEY WONDERED WHETHER (A) SOUTH AFRICANS WERE BACK IN BUSINESS IN RHODESIA MORE THAN THEY ADMIT OR (B) RHODESIANS HAD ACQUIRED SOME MIRAGES. NEITHER OF THEM WANTED TO SEE THE SCOPE OF PRESENT RHODESIA-MOZAMBIQUE FIGHTING EXPANDED TO INCLUDE SOUTH AFRICA. NYERERE ASKED ME IF I KNEW NATIONALITY OF MIRAGES. I SAID I DIDN'T BUT WOULD LET HIM KNOW IF I HEARD ANYTHING ON THE SUBJECT.

5. NYERERE HAD ONE OTHER THING TO SAY ABOUT RHODESIA. HE WAS VERY PLEASED ABOUT USS(AND UK) PROMPT REJECTION OF SMITH'S INVITATION TO VISIT BORDER AREA. US INSTINCTS FOR THIS SORT OF
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THING WERE BECOMING VERY GOOD. NYERERE DIDN'T THINK THERE WAS ANY REAL DOUBT ABOUT WHAT WAS HAPPENING, BUT, IF SO, THE PLACE TO LOOK WAS IN MOZAMBIQUE, NOT RHODESIA. IF ANYONE WANTED TO DO SO, HE WAS SURE MACHEL WOULD LET THEM.

6. ON NAMIBIA, NYERERE WAS HOPEFUL: "WE SEEM TO HAVE COME A LONG WAY." HE HAD LITTLE PATIENCE WITH SWAPO CHARGES THAT WESTERN FIVE WERE TRYING TO SPLIT MOVEMENT. HE BELIEVED SWAPO SHOULD STOP MAKING CONFRONTATION STATEMENTS AND SIT DOWN WITH FIVE AND ASK QUESTIONS AND PROPOSE ANSWERS. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY AS TO WHETHER HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE GOOD IDEA ASK SWAPO EXECUTIVES TO COME TO NEW YORK TO MEET WITH FIVE AND WITH UNSG AND OTHER UN PEOPLE CONCERNED, NYERERE SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE. I ASKED, IF SWAPO BALKED, WOULD HE BE PREPARED ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO. HE SAID YES.

7. COMMENT: NYERERE WAS IN TIRED AND GENTLE MOOD, CLEARLY APPROVING OF PRESENT US APPROACH TO ALL SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS. WHEN I ASKED IF MACHEL'S EXPLANATION OF WHY MOZAMBIQUE WAS TAKING RHODESIAN INCURSIONS TO UK (PARA 3 ABOVE) WAS REALLY ALL THERE WAS TO THE MATTER, HE PONDERED A MOMENT AND SAID HE REALLY THOUGHT IT WAS. IN REFERRING TO SWAPO AND SAM NUJOMA,

HE REPEATEDLY USED PHRASE "THOSE BLESSED FELLOWS" AND SAID THAT
HE WISHED THEY WOULD GROW UP.
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